

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of NOT support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will reduce the competition and will make monopoly. It will reduce the customer choices, and increase prices for low income family.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television, but it means less providers to select. Local TV channels are available everywhere by purchasing additional antenna, and it is not a big issue. This merger will make one stronger satellite company that doesn't need to be worry about the competitor.

Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to rural communities where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future, BUT it will NOT happen by merging these companies.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to NOT lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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